THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The recent transfers in KVS has been done in view of a broader policy to accommodate the requests of teachers who have been at a place for long time. The policy has evoked a mixed response. Teachers who have two years of service have been exempted. Since the transfers have not taken into consideration the age of a teacher otherwise, the data in respect of such teachers is not maintained.

Central Schools

† 2804. SHRI VIKRAM VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in the country where Central Schools have not been opened so far, the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the details of action being taken for opening Central Schools in those district headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas are not opened district-wise. The main objective of the Kendriya Vidyalayas is primarily to cater to the educational needs of the children of the transferable Central Government employees including Defence and Paramilitary personnel by providing a common programme of education. The Vidyalayas are opened at places which have concentration of adequate number of such Central Government employees and where availability of infrastructural facilities, as per norms of Sangathan, are assured by the sponsoring authority.

Swayamsiddha and Swadhar Schemes for Women's Welfare

2805. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more schemes named Swayamsiddha and Swadhar have been announced recently for women's welfare and empowerment;

(b) it so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Swayamsiddha is only a renamed version of the existing schemes called Indira Manila Yojana and the Manila Samridhi Yojana; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the difficulties, if any, faced in implementing the existing schemes and upto what extent the new schemes are an improvement thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and *(c) Swayamsiddha:* Indira MahilaYojana (IMY), which was being implemented in 238 blocks in the country, has been recast and expanded as Swayamsidha (IWEP), to be implemented in 650 blocks at a total cost of Rs. 116.30 crore. Swayamsiddha is an integrated scheme for women's empowerment. It is based on the formation of women into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and aims at the holistic empowerment of women through awareness generation, economic empowerment and convergence of various schemes.

Manila Samriddhi Yojana (MSY) has been merged with Swayamsiddha.

It is envisaged to form 53,100 SHGs to benefit 9,29,250 women.

Swadhar: The Scheme is yet to be finalized.

(d) The operational cost of Mahila Samriddhi Yojana (MSY) was disproportionately higher than the cost on incentive intended for the beneficiaries. Thus, MSY, which aimed at encouraging thrift among women through tiny savings, has been merged with Swayamsiddha and one of the many objectives of Swayamsiddha, *viz,*, strengthening and institutionalizing the saving habit of rural women and their control over economic resources, would, to a large extent, cover the basic objective of inculcating thrift.

Whereas IMY had only provision for one component of Awareness Generation, Swayamsiddha has got provision for multiple components like Awareness Generation, Training, Community Assets, Convergence, Integration, etc.

IIT in Adilabad

2806. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has recently written to the Prime Minister, requesting that an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) may be set up at Basara in Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether he has also offered to provide 1000 acres of land and all other infrastructure, including power, transport and telecommunication facilities therefor;